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TITLE OF INVENTION: KEY DELIVERY APPARATUS, TERMINAL APPARATUS, RECORDING MEDIUM, AND KEY DELIVERY SYSTEM

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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 10/649,623	Applicant(s) OHTA ET AL.
	Examiner Fikremariam Yalew	Art Unit 2436

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 09/29/2008.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10, 17, 21, 22 and 24.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

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2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.

3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 05/13/2004, 03/08/2004

7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment

4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. Other _____.

/Carl Colin/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2436

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action correspondence is a response to the applicant's amendment filed on 09/29/2008. After reconsideration of the applicant's amendment filed on 09/29/2008, further search and through examination of the present application, claims 1-10,17,21-22 and 24 are found to be in condition for allowance over prior arts of record.

2. *Claims 11-16,18-20 and 23 are canceled.*

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Andrew Dunlap on Feb 2,2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification page 10 line 16 please delete "Fig 3" and insert "Figs.3A/3B"

Reasons for allowance

4. Claims 1,21-22,24 are patentable over the closest references Maeda et al(hereinafter referred as Maeda) US Pub No 2004/0228487 in view of Alve et al(hereinafter referred as Alve) US Pub No 2003/0076955 A1 because they do not anticipated nor fairly and reasonably teach a method/system/apparatus/computer readable recording of using a key delivery apparatus that manages a decryption key for decrypting an encrypted content and manages a suppliable number

, which is a number indicating a number of times the decryption key can be supplied to a terminal apparatus connected to the key delivery apparatus via a network, the key supply method comprising: receiving ,from the terminal apparatus, a supply request, which is a request for the decryption key, the supply request including one of first information and second information, the first information indicating that the encrypted content is stored in the terminal apparatus, and the second information indicating that the encrypted content is stored on a portable recording medium inserted into the terminal apparatus; determining, based on the received supply request, whether the terminal apparatus records the encrypted content on the portable recording medium; determining whether the terminal apparatus is a terminal apparatus of a first-type that manages a content-usage period and whether the terminal apparatus is a terminal apparatus of a second-type that does not manage the content-usage period; and supply, to the terminal apparatus, when the suppliable number indicates that the decryption key can be supplied, i) the decryption key and a key-usage period which impose a restriction on usage of content and is related to the decryption key, when the determining determines that the terminal apparatus is of the first-type and ii) the decryption key, without the key-usage period such that a restriction on usage of content is not imposed on terminal apparatus, when the determining determines that the terminal apparatus is of the second wherein the determining of whether the terminal apparatus is a terminal apparatus of the first-type determines that the terminal apparatus is of the first-type when it is determined that the terminal apparatus records the encrypted content on the portable recording medium.

5. Claim 17 is patentable over the closest references Maeda et al(hereinafter referred as Maeda) US Pub No 2004/0228487 in view of Alve et al(hereinafter referred as Alve) US Pub No

2003/0076955 A1 because they do not anticipated nor fairly and reasonably teach a portable recording medium that receives a supply of a decryption key, for decrypting an encrypted content, from a key delivery apparatus that manages the decryption key, for decrypting an encrypted content, from a key delivery apparatus that manages the decryption key, the portable recording medium comprising: a key reception unit configured to receive the decryption key and a key-usage period of the decryption key from the key delivery apparatus, when the key delivery apparatus determines that supplying the decryption key to the portable recording medium is possible; a key information storage unit configured to store the decryption key and the key-usage period; a proprietary determining unit configured to receive, from the key delivery apparatus, search information identifying the decryption key, and configured to determine whether the decryption key is stored on the portable recording medium based on the search information; and a proprietary notifying unit configured to transmit, to the key delivery information, predetermined information indicating that the decryption key is stored on the portable recording medium, the predetermined information indication that the decryption key is stored on the portable recording medium and being transmitted when the proprietary determining unit determines that the decryption key is stored on the portable recording medium.

Conclusion

6. ***Claims 1-10,17,21-22 and 24 are patentable.***
7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays should be clearly labeled "Comments on statement of Reasons for allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fikremariam Yalew whose telephone number is 5712723852. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Moazzami Nasser, can be reached on 5712738300. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-4195.

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